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SUBJECT: RED FLAG ATTACKS CADRE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THE CENTER

REF: A. HONG KONG 12334; B. HONG KONG 12073

1. RED FLAG (NO. 11) IN A STRONGLY WORDED DEFENSE OF CENTRALIZED PARTY LEADERSHIP BLUNTLY ACCUSES SOME CADRES OF "ASSERTING INDEPENDENCE FROM THE PARTY" AND OF ACTING CONTRARY TO PARTY POLICIES AND INSTRUCTIONS AND DISTORTING THEM TO SUIT THEIR OWN NEEDS. SIMILARLY, THE ARTICLE, AUTHORED BY HSUEH LUN, CLEARLY DEFINES THE SUBORDINATE ROLE OF NON-PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE CENTER AND THE PARTY IN GENERAL AND IMPLIES THAT THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES WHERE "STATE ORGANS" AS WELL AS MASS ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TRIED TO PUT THEMSELVES ABOVE THE PARTY.

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2. THE ARTICLE SHOWS PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY OVER CADRES WHO

BELONG TO THE LEADERSHIP GROUP (THE "SQUAD") IN VARIOUS PARTY COMMITTEES. THESE CADRE ARE TOLD THAT ONCE THEY HAVE JOINED THE LEADING BODY THEY MUST TAKE UP INTERESTS OF THE PARTY AS "THE ONLY CRITERIA" FOR THEIR SPEECHES AND ACTIONS AND STICK TO THEIR WORK POSTS AND STRUGGLE AGAINST SECTARIANISM AND THREATS TO PARTY UNITY. THE ARTICLE DEFENDS REHABILITATION OF CADRE WHO REPENT THEIR MISTAKES AND DO NOT PERSIST IN THEM AND CONCEDES THAT SOME "LOCAL" PARTY COMMITTEES CAN MAKE MISTAKES AS WELL. IT THEREFORE SUPPORTS THE MASSES' CRITICISM OF PARTY COMMITTEES AND INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS AND THE DOCTRINE OF GOING AGAINST THE TIDE.

3. COMMENT. AS A CONDEMNATION OF PARTY MEMBERS WHO HAVE FAILED TO ACT ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS, THIS RED FLAG ARTICLE IS UNPRECEDENTED, PARTICULARLY WHEN RECENT ARTICLES SEEMED TO BE CADRE MORALE BOOSTERS (REFTELS). CENTRAL PARTY LEADERSHIP AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE PARTY AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WAS STRESSED IN THE JULY 1 PARTY DAY EDITORIAL (HONG KONG 7372) BUT NOWHERE DID IT STATE THAT THESE ORGANS HAD APPEARED TO TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE PARTY OR ITS LEADERSHIP.

4. THE CENTER'S DEMAND ABOUT PUTTING THE PARTY BACK ON TOP MAY INDICATE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN WINDING DOWN THE MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE LIN PIAO AND CONFUCIUS (HONG KONG: 12373; HONG KONG 11863) AND PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (HONG KONG 12297). THE QUESTION OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S ABSENCE FROM PEKING AT LEAST SINCE SEPTEMBER (HONG KONG 11502) TAKES ON ADDED DIMENSION IF THERE IS REAL CONTROVERSY OVER THE CENTER'S EXERCISE OF LEADERSHIP OR PARTY CONTROL OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
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